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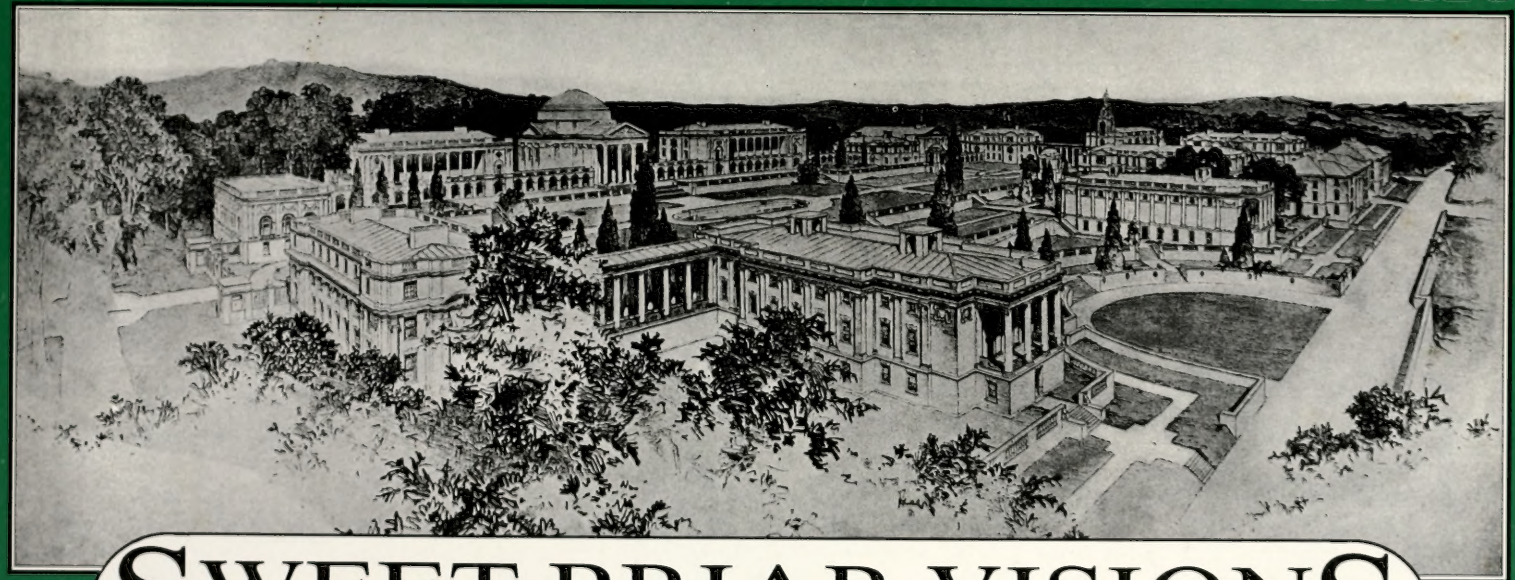

SWEET BRIAR VISIONS

THE FUTURE OF SWEET BRIAR IN THE EYES OF RALPH ADAMS CRAM, ARCHITECT

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In 1901, Ralph Adams Cram (1863-1942) was entrusted with the task of designing four buildings for the new Sweet Briar Institute. As one of America's leading architects, his work was distinguished by the Gothic style, as demonstrated by his designs for Princeton, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, and West Point; but for a college campus in Piedmont Virginia he preferred Georgian Revival.

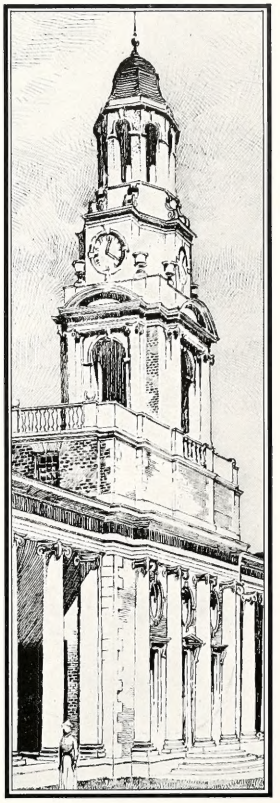
In addition to plans for two dormitories, an academic building, and a refectory, Cram developed master plans for the whole campus. His designs met with universal approval, and by 1906 enough construction was finished for the college to receive its first students.

Sweet Briar then consisted of Carson, Gray, the Refectory, and Academic (Benedict). With the completion of Randolph (1908) and Manson (1910) the first phase of the dormitory complex was complete. Over the years, other buildings were added to the Sweet Briar campus. Those immediately following the first group were also designed by Cram. Since Cram's death in 1942, new buildings on the main campus have largely kept to the Georgian style, though the robust detailings of his designs have been modified as building costs have increased over the years.

This calendar is a look back at designs proposed by Cram through the years. Some never passed the proposal stage. While all are Cram's designs, they were drawn by delineators on his staff.

Throughout this calendar one can see the guidance given to Cram by Dr. John McBryde, a member of Sweet Briar's first board of directors. McBryde believed that "attractive surroundings and artistic buildings have a profound and lasting influence on the hearts and minds of young girls just emerging into womanhood."

This historical information was taken from *Lynchburg: An Architectural History* by S. Allen Chambers, Jr., husband of Bettye Thomas Chambers '62.



On the Cover: Proposed View of the Campus, published in 1920.

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Reflecting pool in front of proposed Fine Arts Building, ca. 1902.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Winter Term Begins Winter Forums	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Winter Forums	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed	17	18 Winter Forums	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Winter Forums	26	27	28
29	30	31 Winter Term Ends				

JANUARY

An early proposal for the Campus, ca. 1902.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Winter Forums	2	3	4
5	6 Spring Term Begins	7	8 Ash Wednesday	9	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Washington's Birthday Observed	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25
26	27	28				

FEBRUARY

Gray Dormitory with the Bell Tower, 1902.

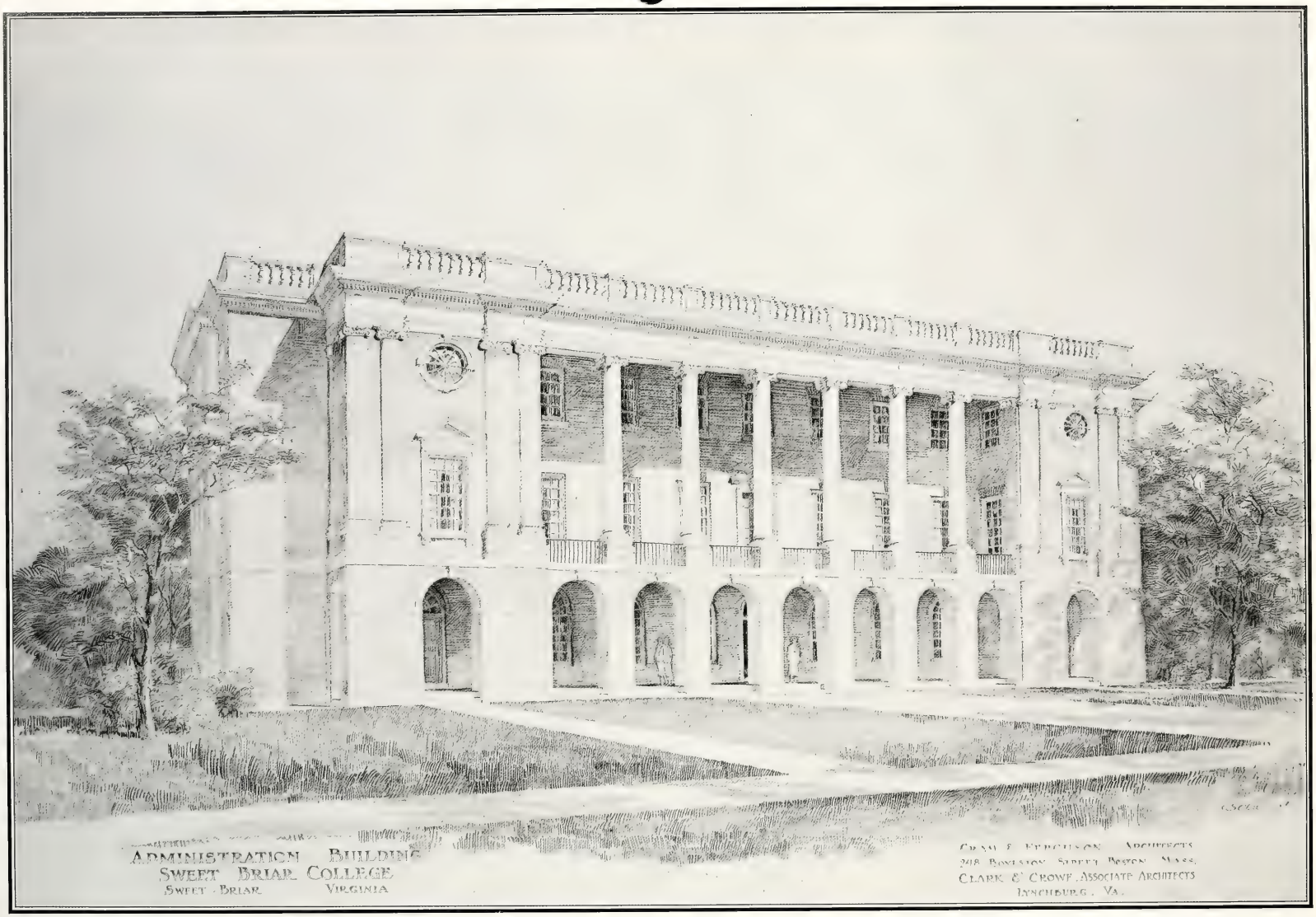
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 Palm Sunday	20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24 Good Friday Spring Recess Begins	25
26 Easter	27	28	29	30	31	

March

Dormitory No. 6 (Fergus Reid), ca. 1924.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Spring Recess Ends	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 First Day of Passover	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Boards of Directors and Overseers Meeting	29 Boards of Directors and Overseers Meeting
30						

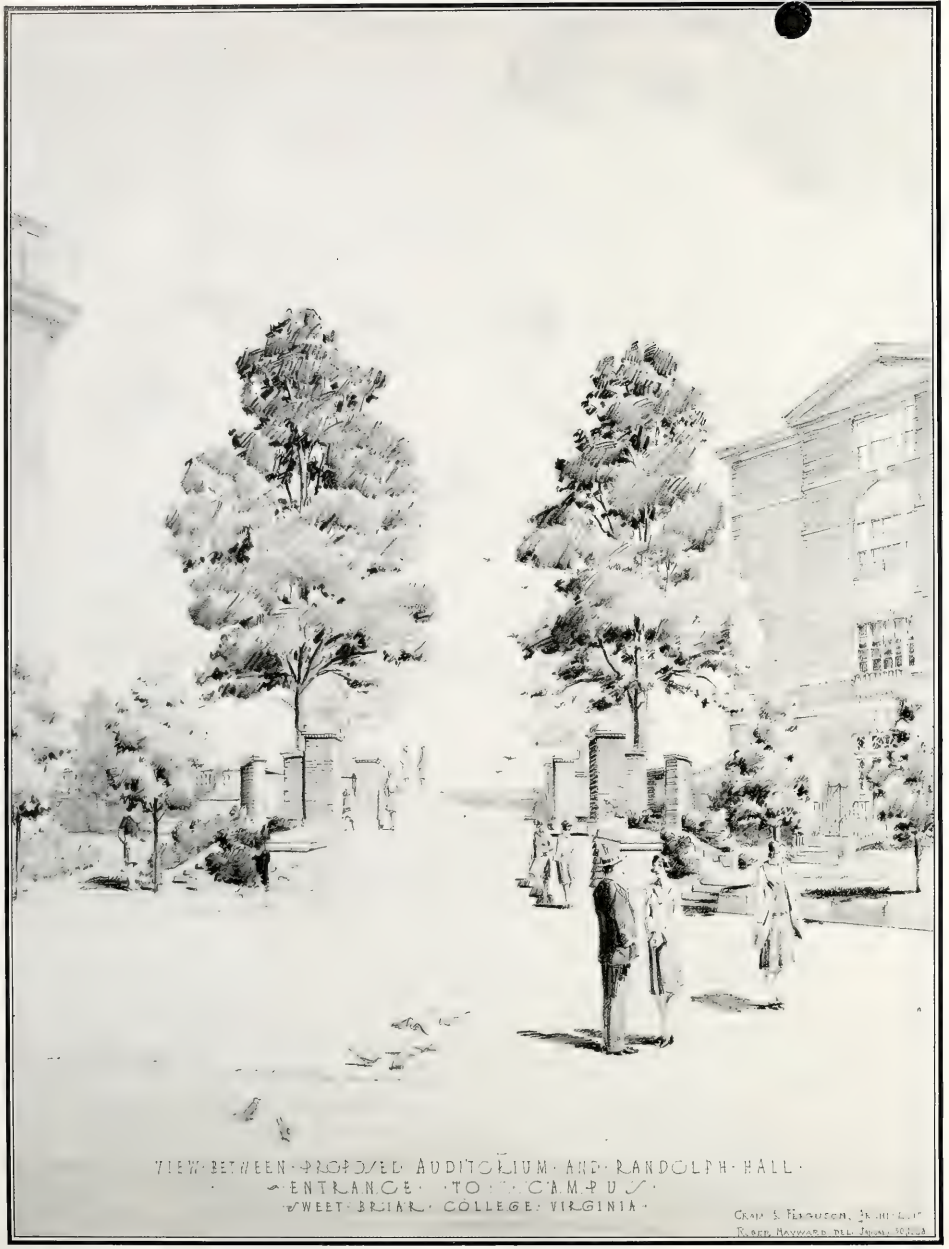
APRIL



Administration Building (Fletcher), October 27, 1924.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Classes End	13
14 Mother's Day Examinations Begin	15	16	17	18 Examinations End	19	20 Baccalaureate Service
21 Eightieth Commencement	22	23	24	25	26 Reunion Begins	27
28 Reunion Ends	29 Memorial Day Observed	30	31			

May



VIEW BETWEEN PROPOSED AUDITORIUM AND RANDOLPH HALL
ENTRANCE TO CAMPUS
SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE VIRGINIA

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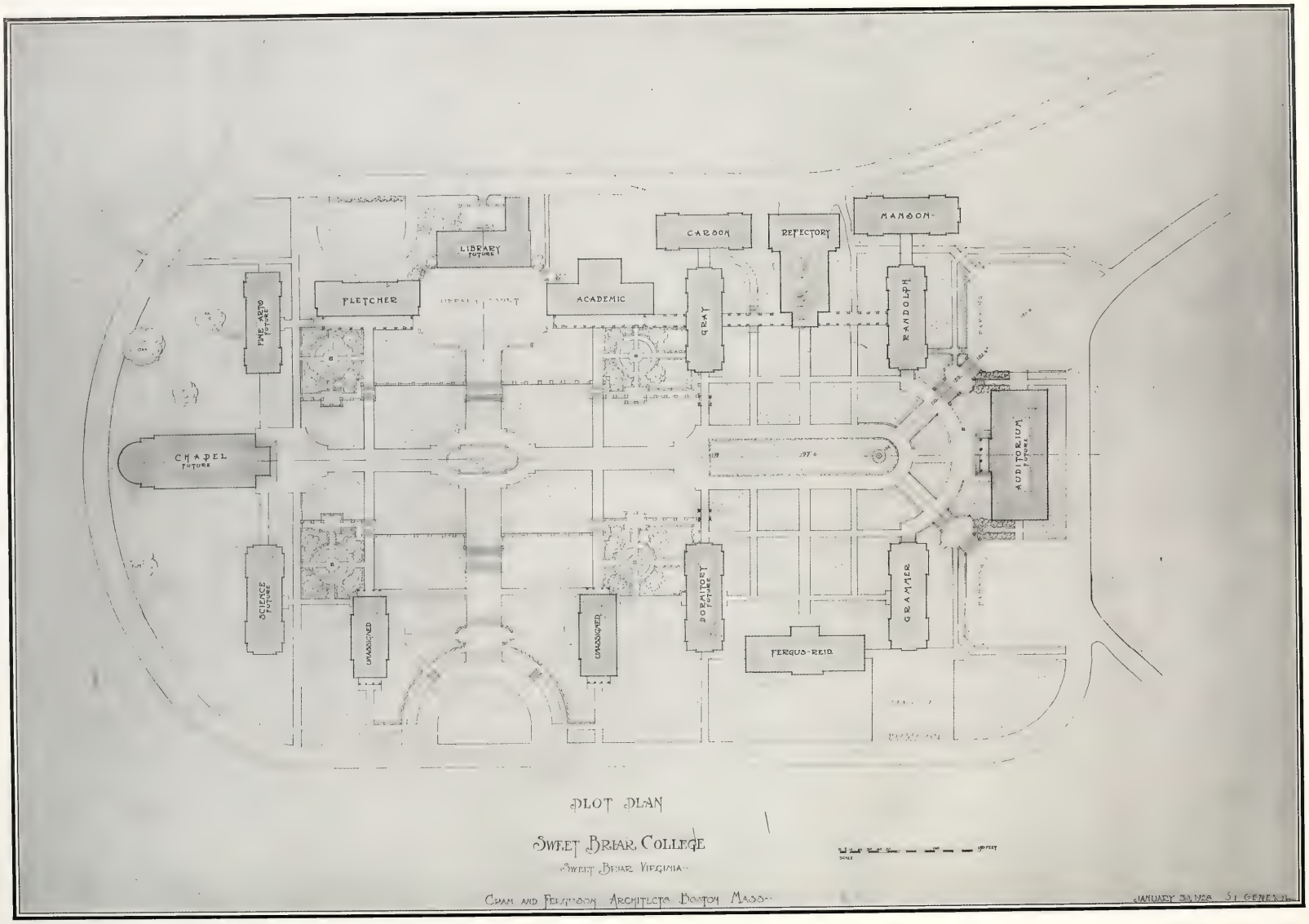
ROBT. HAYWARD DEL. JUNE 1910

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

JUNE



Proposed plot plan of Sweet Briar College, January 30, 1928.

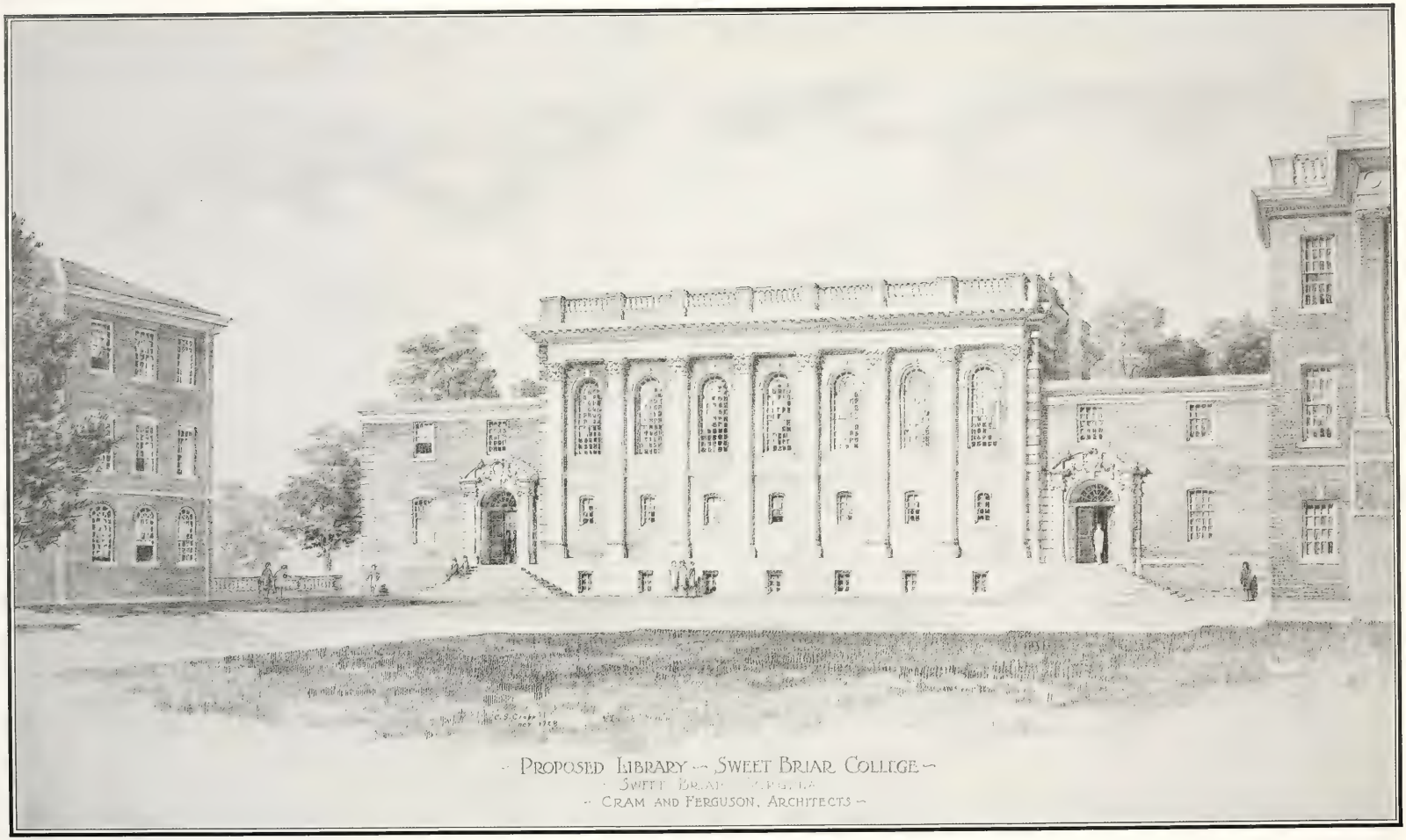
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JULY

Proposed Auditorium, January 30, 1928.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST



Library, October 16, 1928.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 New Students Arrive
3 Returning Students Arrive	4 Labor Day	5	6 Classes Begin	7 Opening Convocation	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Boards of Directors and Overseers Meeting Recognition Dinner Washington, D.C.	23 First Day of Autumn Boards of Directors and Overseers Meeting
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Rosh Hashanah 1st Day

SEPTEMBER

Proposed Fine Arts Building, September 2, 1937.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Alumnae Council	2 Alumnae Council	3 Alumnae Council Founders' Day	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day Observed Yom Kippur	10	11	12 Columbus Day	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Parents Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

OCTOBER

Proposed Chapel, January 3, 1938.

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NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Thanksgiving Recess Begins	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Thanksgiving Recess Ends	27	28	29	30		

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Proposed Fine Arts Building, March 1, 1938.

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					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Classes End	13	14 Examinations Begin	15	16
17	18	19 Examinations End Christmas Recess Begins	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23 Hanukkah 1st Day
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31						

DECEMBER

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